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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6104**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 66

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 1, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Deputy Coroner Training.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Antich

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                              **X DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill exempts a deputy coroner who has served continuously since before January 1, 1996, from training and continuing education requirements. It also requires that all training and continuing education of coroners and deputy coroners be conducted by a person whose principal place of business is in Indiana.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Summary of Net State Impact:** The potential impact to the state is indeterminable and would depend on the number of qualified deputy coroners that choose to forego additional training.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This proposal would effectively exempt county deputy coroners in continuous service since January 1, 1996, from any mandatory training or continuing education.

The Coroners' Training Board (CTB), according to statute, may provide aid for approved deputy coroner training programs that meet the minimum requirements of the CTB. If a county deputy coroner who meets the above criteria were allowed to forego additional training, funds from the CTB that could have been used for approved training would not be expended.

The Coroners' Training Board had total training expenditures for coroners and deputy coroners amounting to \$120,000 in FY 2003. Training usually lasts five days and occurs two times per year. The estimated cost of training includes the hotel stay, course materials, per diem, travel reimbursement, instructors, and audio-visual equipment.

The CTB has indicated there are currently 595 deputy coroners serving in Indiana, of which 312 are currently certified as a Medicolegal Death Investigator. It is not possible to determine the number of deputy coroners continuously serving since January 1, 1996, due to high turnover. Therefore, the potential impact to the state is indeterminable and would depend on the number of qualified deputy coroners that choose to forgo additional training.

According to the provisions of this bill, all training and continuing education must be conducted by a person whose principal place of business is located in Indiana. Currently, the CTB conducts its own training and continuing education in house. The CTB also retains an out-of-state contractor to bring in and proctor its exams.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana State Coroners Training Board.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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